

## **SUMMARY OF NEW RULES REPLACING REPEALED RULES**

These rules are being promulgated in order to remove outdated and superfluous material and to permit the regulations to be posted to the Internet. Originally, the rules for long-term care facilities were promulgated in 1984. They contained, as one set of regulations, the regulations governing nursing homes, large Intermediate Care Facilities for the Mentally Retarded, and small Intermediate Care Facilities for the Mentally Retarded. As the regulations were amended, outdated material was not removed, resulting in regulations that contained mostly outdated material. The intent of this promulgation is that more concise regulations, for each facility type, be promulgated. This will facilitate posting of the regulations to the Internet. It should be noted that in 1989, separate regulations for small Intermediate Care Facilities for the Mentally Retarded were promulgated.

There are no substantive changes to the rules. That is, the rules will remain the same; the only change is the removal of repealed and outdated material, and the format of the rules from one large set of regulations to two smaller sets.